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## AB 1732 (Hall) – Vernon Branch Pocket Park FACT SHEET

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### ISSUE

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The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) would like to develop and construct a new elementary school facility on property currently occupied by Vernon Branch Pocket Park within the city of Los Angeles. The site was chosen after numerous community meetings and is based on input from local law enforcement, demographic information and the need to minimize community impacts.

The park site was acquired through the Per Capita Grant Program under the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000. Under this program, the City of Los Angeles agreed that they would only use the property acquired with grant monies for the purpose for which the State grant monies were requested, unless there was a specific act of the legislature that would provide an exception.

### SOLUTION

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AB 1732 authorizes the land swap between LAUSD and the city of Los Angeles. The city has already agreed to transfer the park property to LAUSD and in exchange, LAUSD has agreed to acquire and construct a new park in the city.

This authorization will allow the City and LAUSD to move forward to alleviate overcrowding on the surrounding schools, provide a modernized learning environment, as well as provide a much needed pocket park and open space for the city of Los Angeles.

### SUPPORT

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Los Angeles Unified School District (Sponsor)

California Council of Land Trusts – Support

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